

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-23 are pending in the present application. Claims 25-32 are canceled without prejudice by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 25-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Usami (U.S. Patent No. 4,879,585), and Claims 21-23 were allowed.

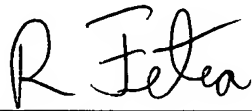
Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In view of this indication, rejected Claims 25-32 are cancelled. Thus, it is believed that remaining Claims 21-23 are in condition for allowance.

Because the present amendment reduces the number of issues for appeal by canceling Claims 25-32 and raises no new issues, entry of this amendment under 37 CFR § 1.116 is believed to be in order and it is therefore respectfully requested.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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